



NEŠTO VIŠE

Citizens' Association

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

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Foreword



Aleksandar
Bundalo
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

This year had one extra day, but it passed as quickly as any other. As with every year, in order to start something new, we had to wrap up some “old” projects and use those results as a springboard for fresh ideas. There are always new challenges and areas that simply call out to be explored.

A few years ago, we launched a project aimed at contributing to the field of labor rights by using digital tools. With this project, we stepped into a new domain—digitalization. Even though we encounter digitalization every day, it remains a challenge for us. It has become a part of nearly every activity in almost all projects in this sector. We took it a step further and created a project that helps increase the employability of persons with disabilities through education in cybersecurity. Through this initiative, we managed to combine our “old” passion—improving the lives of persons with disabilities—with the new world of digitalization.

We applied a similar approach in the RISE project, where we merged our mission to make entrepreneurship accessible to everyone with new methodologies in the field. RISE has been running for six years now, which is surely a good sign of how well we’ve worked together with our partners to engage both donors and young people—without whom none of this would make sense.

We continued developing our permaculture property and encouraged young people to care for nature, because what we give to nature, it gives back to us. We also completed one major and significant project—Mostar: Spaces That Move—and together with our partners, we humbly contributed to the development of the City of Mostar.

The year 2024 will likely also be remembered as the year we became more deeply involved in regional cooperation. While RISE had been our only regional project, this year we joined two additional ones. In addition to opening up regionally, we also began exploring two important new topics: the protection of cultural heritage in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the right to common property/heritage.

And finally, we experienced some changes in our team—some colleagues moved on to new challenges, while others saw us as their next challenge. Most importantly, the fund we established in memory of our dear Sanja, who left us far too soon, awarded its second scholarship through the Sanja Đermanović Bundalo Scholarship Program.

Stay happy, be kind, and seek out challenges—because that’s what makes us better people.

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Who We Are

Citizens Association “Nešto Više” is a non-governmental organization established in 1997 by a group of young people experienced in working with organizations from the civil society sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). By issuing resolution RU-88/03 by the Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Association gains the status of a state-registered organization. Our programs and projects have been implemented in more than 70 local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Our Vision

A Bosnian Herzegovinian society that is morally responsible and promotes competency, safety and tolerance through mutual care of the individual and community.

Our Mission

“Nešto Više” promotes positive changes in society by offering opportunities to individuals and groups for formal and informal education and training, networking, internships, volunteering, work experiences and community service, all in order to develop and nurture competent and responsible leaders who, believing in themselves and others, foster openness and belonging in our society.

Our Motto

Learning by doing.



Our Goals

- Linking and experience exchange of BH citizens with the citizens of Europe and the world;
- Cooperation with European and world associations and institutions of similar program orientation;
- Preservation and development of natural and cultural-historical heritage
- Environmental protection, energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- A commitment to agricultural development, with an emphasis on organic
- Promoting and practicing permaculture;
- Comprehensive development of rural areas;
- Protection and improvement of mental health, empowering and promoting healthy lifestyles;
- Economic empowerment of vulnerable categories of society: youth, women, people with disabilities, rural residents, unemployed;
- Working with and for the people with disabilities with the aim of their comprehensive inclusion in society;
- Providing various forms of assistance to vulnerable categories in society;
- Improving the social and economic conditions of life in BiH;
- Encouragement and development of entrepreneurship of young people and residents of rural areas;
- Improvement of business of entrepreneurs and enterprises;
- removal of prejudices and closed systems of values in BiH;
- work with students and improvement of studying conditions;
- Encouraging leadership;
- Institutional strengthening and development of the Association itself through continuous education of its members and employees, application of modern methods in work, engagement of quality external associates and creation of a partner network;

Council of Europe; Youth Council of Barcelona; Whalen Family Foundation (WFF), Oakland, USA; Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy (IMTD), Washington DC, USA; Care International; Canadian Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Open Society Fund of Bosnia and Herzegovina (SOROS); Schuler Helfen Leben (SHL); Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); Embassy of Switzerland in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Mercy Corps Scotland; and Dutch Development Agency (SNV), Fostering Agricultural Markets Activity (FARMA), Federal Ministry of Education and Science, European Commission; United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Center of Civic Initiatives (CCI); Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC); Austrian Agency for Technical Cooperation (ADA), Fund of the Spanish government for achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) - Environment and Climate Change (jointly implemented by UNDP, UNV, UNEP, FAO i UNESCO), Royal Norwegian Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Embassy of the United States of America in BiH, Municipality Cazin, Municipality Berkovići and Municipality Ljubinja, The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, MDGF Youth Employability and Retention Programme - Spanish Fund for Reaching Millennium Development Goals - UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM and UNV,; United States Department of State (Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, UNDP Reinforcement of Local Democracy III (LOD III), St Catherine University, Municipality of Livno, Municipality of Teslić, European Union (EU), The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, European Fund for Balkans, Municipality of Banovići, ILO/MOR, AFD, RYKO, French Embassy.





Geographical presence

The Association of Citizens "Something More" has three official offices: Central Office Sarajevo, Regional Office Mostar and Regional Office East New Sarajevo.

The staff of the Association works and lives in four cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar and East Sarajevo. The Mostar office of the Association is located on the farm of the Association in Humilišani, where all the necessary conditions for the work of the staff have been created - one building on the property has been renovated so that there are offices, classrooms and a conference hall in the building.

In order to ensure sustainability, the Association has established its own social enterprise EkoDizajn d.o.o. which deals with the production of organic seedlings, arranging yards and orchards according to permaculture principles and organizing events, trainings.

UG Nešto Više operates throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, so that in the last 25 years we have implemented projects in over 80 different local communities in BiH and over a hundred volunteer actions in the same number of communities.

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Our Projects

EU4ALL

(2022.-2024.)

The general goal of the project is "Promotion of the values of the European Union in Republika Srpska and Brčko District through multi-sector cooperation" so that, among other things, young people acquire new knowledge about the European Union, its development, institutions, jurisdiction, legal system, policies and activities carried out by the EU, and about the territory and its population. This project UC "SOMETHING MORE" is realized with PRONI, the leading partner. The project is implemented in close cooperation with DEU. This project will achieve the following specific goals:

1. Inform and train representatives of NGOs, businesses and institutions about the work of the European Union in BiH and the opportunities offered.
2. To raise the awareness of the target group about the integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina into the European Union.
3. Build a dialogue between all relevant actors, in Republika Srpska and Brčko District, in order to promote the European integration processes of BiH and improve communication between all relevant actors about the possibilities and security offered by the European Union for their future.
4. Adopt and apply universal values promoted by the European Union through trainings/workshops and build internal capacities for participation, partnership and management of EU projects.

The project is financed by the European Union

Project value: 292.500 KM



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Our Projects

Youth Retention Program in BiH - "General Mobilization"

(2021.-2024.)

The project supports cooperation between sectors that until now have not jointly participated in solving the problem of youth leaving BiH, i.e. youth organizations and entrepreneurs, i.e. employers. The general goal of the project is to strengthen the capacity of youth CSOs to participate in education and employment reform in order to retain young people in BiH. The specific goals of the project are: To establish an intersectoral network of youth experts and entrepreneurs for advocacy in employment and education; Strengthen the capacities and competences of young CSOs in order to increase the influence of advocacy on the improvement of policies, rules and strategies in the field of employment and education; Improve the legal and political framework for young people through cooperation between relevant employers' associations and relevant institutions at all levels; Increased awareness of the role and significance of the loss of the youth population in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project is financed by the European Union

Project value: 1.087.600 KM



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Our Projects

MoSTAR Project - Spaces to Activate and Rejuvenate

(2021.-2024.)

The project aims to improve the contents and use of public spaces in Mostar through the active involvement of citizens and support for their initiatives that contribute to the quality of civic, cultural and economic life in the City of Mostar. The project intends to support citizens and local authorities to effectively use new skills, tools and mechanisms to address priorities in an inclusive, gender-sensitive, participatory and systematic manner. The project will directly allocate funds to finance infrastructure projects and interventions in public space, as well as citizen-led and designed initiatives related to shared public space and shared activities.

The project holder is People in Need (PIN), with partners: Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI), Youth Cultural Center Abrašević (OKC Abrašević), Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar) and Nešto Više (NV).

The project is financed by the Government of the United Kingdom

Project value: 3.000.000 GBP



British Embassy
Sarajevo



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Our Projects

From Partnership to Jobs

(2022.-2024.)

The objective of the project is to create a functional Local Employment Partnership (LEP) in the municipality of Banovići, bringing together the local government, employment service, companies, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations.

The goal of the LEP is to facilitate employment for individuals after they complete professional development, retraining programs, and training for starting their own businesses—specifically targeting unemployed persons who belong to hard-to-employ categories.

As a result, three new businesses were launched, and over 30 individuals found employment. More than 80 people—mostly women—received training for various professions, with the majority being trained as seamstresses.

The project is implemented within the framework of “European Union Support to Local Employment Partnerships – Phase II” (LEP II), funded by the European Union with a budget of 4 million euros, and implemented by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project is financed by the European Union and the Municipality of Banovići

Project value: 332.000 KM



Općina Banovići



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U OKRUŽJU I VODSTVO ILO



International
Labour
Organization

Our Projects

RISE - phase II

(2022.-2025.)

The regional incubator for social entrepreneurs RISE is a project for motivated, dedicated young people, who are ready to learn and bring changes for the benefit of the Western Balkans. The goal is to support social entrepreneurial ideas that will make the region a better place.

RISE Journey is a specially tailored program in which participation is free and which will help young people learn, grow and make changes in their environment. Focused on cooperation, exchange of ideas and peer learning. We support 6 teams from BiH who are developing an idea or an innovative solution for a new and better approach to education, women's empowerment, culture, rural development, health or employment in their community. RISE provides support through grants for mobility and business development. RISE is implemented by: Balkan Green Foundation, ARNO, NEŠTO VIŠE, Smart Kolektiv, IPC Tehnopolis and Yunus Social Business Balkans.

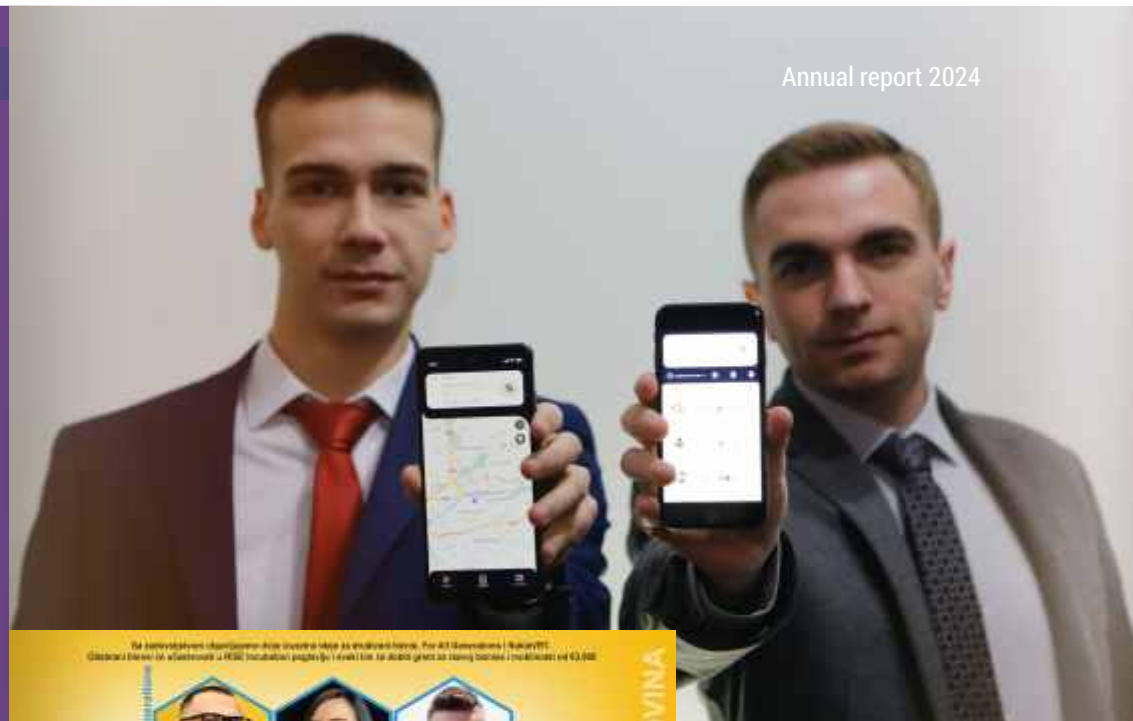
The project consortium : PULSE Group, RYCO, SEEYN and OFAJ DFJW

The project is financed by AFD - Agence Française de Développement, the European Union and RYCO.

Project value: 150.000 KM



This project is supported by the Agence Française de Développement, the European Union and Regional Youth Cooperation Office.



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Our Projects

Climate-smart community

(2023.-2024.)

The main goal of the project “Climate-Smart Community” was to raise awareness and educate the residents of Mostar about the impact of climate change on the safety and stability of individuals, groups, and the community as a whole.

Throughout the project, educational activities targeted a wide range of groups, including school children (grades 5 to 11), journalists, activists, environmental NGOs, local farmers, beekeepers, and all interested citizens.

A large number of people participated in the workshops. With the youngest participants, we used a particularly interactive approach, including demonstrations at the UG Nešto Više Permaculture Estate, where they were introduced to concepts such as composting, mulching, eco-bricks, and more. Work with older participants focused more on raising awareness, and these efforts were recognized and supported by the media, who actively reported on all events held at the UG Nešto Više Permaculture Estate.

As part of the “Climate-Smart Community” project, the Permaculture Estate was equipped with a valuable asset—a meteorological station. The data from this station is available through a mobile app or via the UG “NEŠTO VIŠE” website.

Project funded by:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Norway

Project value: 7.601 EUR.



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Our Projects

Work and advancement of human rights through digitalization

(2023.-2025.)

The project is aligned with the global goal of contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, and the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as it focuses on raising awareness, imparting knowledge, protection, and promotion, as well as education of projects targeting groups to achieve human and labor rights. This project is implemented by LIR Evolution, the leading partner, and "NEŠTO VIŠE". The project will:

Conduct research and knowledge-based practices on human rights in selected territories. Promote decent work, respect for fundamental principles and rights at work, the right to safe and healthy working conditions. Promote diligence, decent jobs, entrepreneurship, and economic empowerment. Promote structured and regular dialogues between state actors, CSOs, and businesses on labor rights in the digital environment to promote the accessibility of technologies for marginalized groups. The project will engage the marginalized employed population to familiarize them with their labor rights and workplace safety and health protection, enabling them to have decent work, dignity, quality, fair wages, and appropriate working conditions.

Project funded by the European Union.

Project value: 210.657 EUR.



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LIR PODRŠKA ZA PROMOTIVANJE
RADNIH I LJUDSKIH PRAVA
KROZ DIGITALIZACIJU



Trening iz vještina komunikacija ima neprocjenjivu vrijednost u svijetu koji je globalan i u potpunosti umrežen, upotreba socijalnih mreža je postala sveprisutna i izuzetno moćna, ali sa tom moći dolazi i odgovornost. Duško Stojanović

LIR
evolution



Our Projects

Prevention and consequences of hate speech in the media

(2023.-2024.)

The project aims to strengthen peace, security, mental health, and equality by analyzing hate speech in the media in Bosnia and Herzegovina and reducing its occurrence and consequences through workshops and advocacy campaigns. Activities include:

Research and analysis of the impact of hate speech on peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, its impact on the mental health of youth, and its effects on security and equality. Analysis of the presence of comments and content that can be characterized as hate speech in electronic media in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Workshops on recognizing hate speech, prevention, and addressing its consequences. Workshops for representatives of electronic media on developing proposals and finding ways to reduce the spread of hate speech in the public media sphere. Launching an advocacy campaign on the need to educate media and educational professionals, as well as youth, about the consequences and ways to prevent hate speech. Educational workshops for school-aged children on recognizing, preventing, and understanding the consequences of hate speech.

Project funded by:
Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

Project value: 60.986 KM.



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PREVENCIJA GOVORA MRŽNJE

Our Projects

Raising Traffic Safety Awareness Through Education

(2024.)

The goal of the project is to improve traffic safety for children and students through educational activities that help them develop key skills, competencies, and knowledge in the field of traffic and road use. Through interactive lectures, presentations, educational films, and hands-on workshops, the project aims to enhance traffic culture, road safety, and technical literacy among primary school students and preschool-aged children. The project is implemented in several phases: the first phase includes educational sessions in schools; the second focuses on workshops about safe bicycle and e-scooter riding, robotics, and 3D modeling of traffic infrastructure; and the third phase offers tailored activities for kindergarten children. Special emphasis is placed on inclusivity and the development of technical skills among children, including students with developmental difficulties. Currently, the project engages over 2,500 students from 9 primary schools, as well as children from kindergartens and centers for children with disabilities, thus reaching a wide target group.

Project funded by: ReLOaD2, financed by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Project value: 49,122 BAM



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Shaping the Future of Europe

(2024.-2026.)

The aim of this project is to provide youth organizations and young people in partner countries with the tools, skills, and attitudes necessary to ensure meaningful youth participation and dialogue with decision-makers, to foster civic engagement among young people, and to create space for their voices at the local, national, and European levels.

The main objectives of the project are:

- To build the capacities of youth organizations in using innovative non-formal tools and practices that foster community engagement and active youth participation in public life;

- To improve the knowledge and capabilities of youth organizations in promoting civic competence and media literacy through non-formal education;

- To encourage cooperation and the exchange of best practices in youth work aimed at promoting active participation and combating fake news and disinformation;

- To support the qualitative development of youth work by applying educational materials focused on critical thinking, integrated problem-solving, media literacy, human rights, leadership skills, and self-reflection.

Project funded by: European Union
(Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building
in the Field of Youth)

Project value: 450,566 BAM



Protection of Cultural Heritage in B&H with the Support of Civil Society Networks – PCH Programme

(2024.-2027.)

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen participatory democracy through consultations during the programming and protection processes of cultural heritage between civil society organizations (CSOs) and cultural institutions throughout the integration process in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). Specific objectives of the project are: Establish formal networks of CSOs working in the field of culture for policy dialogue with governments at all levels, to ensure the involvement of CSOs in the development and implementation of cultural heritage policies (Networked CSOs operating in the cultural sector with the aim of protecting cultural heritage). Initiate improvements to the legal and institutional framework for tangible cultural heritage in Republika Srpska, Brčko District, the Federation of BiH, and at the cantonal level (Legal framework established in line with the constitution at the entity and cantonal levels). Establish a legal framework between institutions and CSOs in the field of sustainable fundraising for the restoration of tangible cultural heritage (CSOs and institutions participating in the restoration of cultural heritage).

Raise public awareness of the tourism potential of the tangible cultural heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Restored cultural assets presented to tourists and citizens of BiH).

Project funded by: European Union
Project value: 1,304,464 BAM



Our Projects

Empowering Women: The Right to Joint Property/Inheritance and Political Engagement

(2024.-2025.)

The main goal of this project is to promote gender equality by empowering women in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a specific focus on two key areas: property and inheritance rights, and active political participation. This goal will be achieved through a comprehensive approach that includes education, training, round tables, public campaigns, and support for women from various parts of the country. The project aims to empower women and girls in BiH to understand and claim their legal rights to property and inheritance and to support them in overcoming legal and social barriers. Project activities are designed to address the specific challenges women face, using experiences and resources from urban areas to support women in rural communities. This approach enables the integration of diverse perspectives and experiences, which is essential for successfully promoting gender equality and ensuring equal rights for women in BiH.

Project funded by: Canada Fund for Local Initiatives
Project value: 56,786 KM



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Our Projects

FISHIMPACT

(2024.-2027.)

A project that promotes ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles and healthy dietary habits to enhance competitiveness, market diversification, and effective consumer communication in the Adriatic-Ionian aquaculture and fisheries sector. FISHIMPACT will collect the latest information on available labels and certification systems at the national, EU, and IPA market levels regarding the environmental, social, and health performance of aquaculture products. It will develop a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) related to ESG standards, sustainability, as well as the health and nutritional value of products, and integrate all this into a multilingual self-assessment tool for SMEs.

Project funded by: Interreg IPA ADRION
Programme under the Interreg funds
(European Regional Development Fund and IPA III)
Project value: 3,409,263 BAM



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Our Projects

From Barriers to Success: Advancing Employment of Persons with Disabilities in the Cybersecurity Sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina

(2023.-2024.)

This project, implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina, aims to improve the employability of persons with disabilities through education in the field of cybersecurity. The project will provide support for the employment or job retention of at least 50 individuals. At the outset, a market assessment will be conducted to develop a curriculum and educational materials tailored to employer needs. The project will include the organization of five cybersecurity training sessions for at least 50 participants. After the training, each participant will have the opportunity to apply for: a) Internships (for unemployed participants) – eight weeks of on-the-job training; b) Support for participants lacking appropriate hardware to attend the training; c) Wage subsidies for already employed individuals to help them retain their jobs.

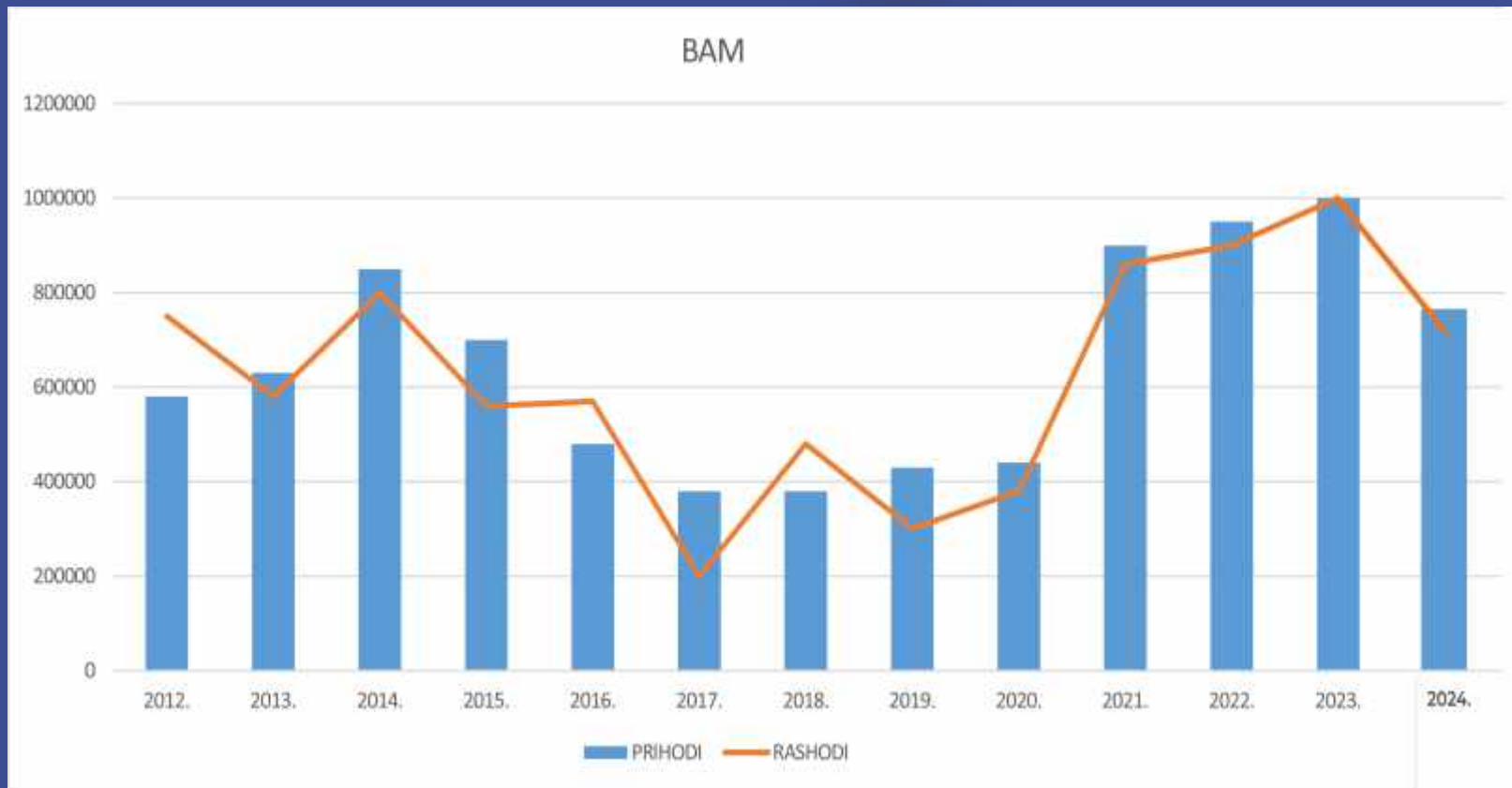
Additionally, cybersecurity guides will be developed and a comprehensive media campaign will be conducted to raise awareness of the importance of this topic.

Project funded by: United States Embassy Sarajevo
Project value: 442,842 BAM



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REVENUES & EXPENSES



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